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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1893.

The Maine Central railroad has a new variety of official, known as a "locator". His duties are to hunt up men who desire to set up in business or to remove and get them to locate on the line of the road.

The legislature of Nebraska has set out in a novel fashion to protect the lungs and lives of the State's rural inhabitants. A bill has been introduced prohibiting the use of gas in hotels and punishing landlords disobeying.

The Northwest is suffering from a cold wave that is cold. It was 42 below zero on Tuesday at Helena, Mon. At Winnipeg, Minn., a blizzard has been raging for several days, street cars were held up and business was generally suspended.

Kansas is more unfortunate than most States, for it has two houses of representatives. The Republicans organized one and the Populists another. The Populists in the Populist house and in the senate have elected one John Martin, a Populist-Democratic personage, as United States senator.

The Vermonters resident in Boston had a feast and speeches the other night. Among the speakers was Mr. Houghton of the big publishing firm, whose remarks led the Boston Record to say:

H. O. Houghton told the Vermonters last night that he would rather have an abandoned farm in the old State than a baronial estate in England. If Mr. H. has any of the latter on his hands, he can undoubtedly arrange for a transfer.

Hon. James G. Blaine died at his Washington home on the forenoon of Friday last. His doctors have printed a statement to the effect that he was afflicted with a form of Bright's disease, complicated with a disorder of the heart. The funeral was on Monday, and was attended by most of the leading men of the country. Mr. Blaine's character is so well known that there is no need for speaking of it here. Those who wish a history of his career will find it given in an interesting way on another page of the paper.

As a display of unbrushing gall the performance of James Sturgiss, a New York youth of 19 years, deserves record. He had a friend in the employ of a big life insurance company in the city. This friend stole a blank out of the company's book, forged a check for \$80,000, got it cashed at a bank and gave it to young Sturgiss to turn into money. Sturgiss went to Albany, and, getting short of funds, asked the clerk at his hotel to advance him \$40,000 on the check. The hotel people were naturally somewhat surprised and their investigations led to Sturgiss' arrest.

A correspondent of the Michigan Farmer is thoroughly convinced that there is too little of what he denominates "gilt-edged" farming in that State. He thinks the three most common mistakes of the farmers there are cultivating too much land, extravagance in the purchase of machinery and too little care of it after it has been bought. He goes on to explain what he means, saying:

This is not gilt-edged farming. It is rather an attempt to do what common-sense does not approve of, and its results are always detrimental to the interests of the farmer. When a farmer undertakes to cultivate a hundred acres of land, and is not able to handle more than twenty-five, he is putting on airs that will impoverish him. One acre, made to produce fifty bushels of wheat or a hundred bushels of corn, is better than three acres badly worked. What use, then, to fuss over four times that amount of ground and raise no more wheat than he can himself cut in three days with a cradle, and shock it in the next three? Why should he buy a self-binder to do these three days' work, and then let it stand in the open air until the next harvest? Why should he spend all of his surplus money in buying a lot of machinery just because his neighbor has it, or because some glib-tongued agent makes him believe that he can increase his capital by purchasing it, when, in reality, he does not need it? A farmer to succeed must use good sense, and always reason with himself as to what he can afford, no matter how much he may desire these things to aid him in carrying on his farm.

ROADS AND ROAD TALK.

The call for a convention at Burlington on Friday, the 10th inst., to "discuss questions relating to good roads", is at hand. Gov. Fuller and other prominent speakers will be present, we are told.

Good roads are highly desirable, and, if the convention in question can do anything to bring about the building of them, it, too, will be good. But random talk, even by "prominent" persons, may not be useful. The speakers on such occasions are apt to be ambitious individuals, who accept for substance of working doctrine the idea set forth in this wise in the expurgated and modernized edition of Ben Franklin:

"He who politically would thrive Must ever with his mouth let drive."

Road-building is an art, not a speculative matter; and if the talk is to amount to anything it must be put forth by artists in road-making. Otherwise, the cause of good roads will be advanced by it in the same proportion that the cause of agriculture is advanced by talkers on it who are altogether more familiar with speeding the jaw than the plow.

There is plenty of need of agitating the road question and of the dissemination of the latest and best knowledge extant upon the subject. The recently-organized league can do excellent work in these directions, but it will never do for it to bank on "prominent" speakers for the attainment of that end.

THE HAWAIIAN SITUATION.

The rotten royalty which has been running the government of the Sandwich Islands almost last month to foist upon the people a new constitution depriving foreigners of their rights as citizens. A revolution followed, and a provisional government was formed with one S. B. Dole, formerly of Maine, as president. The new government was assisted in preserving order by a committee of safety and by men from the United States ship Boston. There was little disorder and no bloodshed. The provisional government has sent representatives to Washington to ask that the islands be annexed to the United States. England objects, of course, and some of the London papers are up and imputing in discussing the proposition. The Telegraph, for instance, says: "We could not allow the United States to annex the islands, even if the established policy at Washington permitted the idea to be entertained. This policy, however, will not permit it. Obviously the native government ought to be restored, for the revolution is the work of discontented, selfish foreigners, chiefly Yankees."

Commercially these islands are of very great consequence. Long ago, when a reciprocity treaty between them and this country was under consideration, the San Francisco chamber of commerce said:

Opposite the very portals of this commerce, and in its track, lie these islands, keeping, as it were, watch and ward over the entire coast. Plant an active enemy upon them, and even if he were the most insignificant of the maritime powers, he would probably annihilate this commerce. A power with a fleet consisting only of the Florida and Alabama would, entrenched in these marine fortresses, harass all profit out of it. In the hands of England or France the effect would be to enable either of these powers to shut us out of the great highway of the Pacific, and lock us up, so far as commerce is concerned, within our own mountain ranges.

Hon. John W. Stewart of this town has been interviewed on the subject of annexation by a Rutland Herald reporter, and perhaps nothing more illuminating on the general question has been printed. He said:

The question of the annexation of Hawaii has been suddenly sprung upon the public attention. In the absence of precise information of the present situation there, opinion as to the action demanded by the government should be reserved. But I think this may be said, namely: If the time is ripe for annexation, let us have it. The autonomy of the Hawaiian government cannot be much longer maintained. The present revolution is witness that the thinking, active English-speaking business men there will not tolerate an imbecile or weak government. They want the security which a wise and stable government alone can afford. Their country is too insignificant in area, population and resources to maintain a respectable and respected autonomy. They must come to us or go elsewhere. Either of the great nations of Europe would gladly accept the offer made to us, but we cannot consent to such a result. Nor do we want a joint protectorate with either Germany or England or both of them.

Our policy has really been to hold that country neutral until we could do better. The reasons are obvious. The Pacific States are in the early dawn of their development. Their resources, industrial, mineral, agricultural and commercial, yet undeveloped, are beyond estimate. Their commercial relations with Asia must be most intimate and with their rapidly expanding proportions the importance of an intermediate station for coaling and defensive purposes is manifest. Indeed, the possession and control of these islands will become a necessity. They lie directly in the track of the immense commerce which will in the near future spring up between the West and the great eastern continent. We want no divided control. The close proximity of these islands to our borders and their position as rela-

ted to our commerce with Asia justifies claim to a prior right of occupancy undivided as between us and the nations of Europe.

Are the people there ready for the change in question? Who are the people entitled to answer this question? I should say the thoughtful, busy, progressive and morally intelligent class of citizens. If it this class which has overthrown the sham royalty which has stood in the place of government and power, inducted to the performance of its functions, then I think our government should accept the call and take Hawaii into its ample fold. So we would take her, not as a conqueror or despoiler, but at the instance of that portion of her own citizens who are strong enough to overthrow a government forever unworthy and imbecile, and wise enough to see that both public tranquility and private and personal security, freedom and prosperity can best be preserved by union with the great American republic.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Senator Wolcott is attacking the new Columbian stamp. Mr. Wolcott should try to lick one of his size.—[Lowell (Mass.) Courier.]

With towns as with individuals, the rule holds good that "God helps those who help themselves," and any community, however limited its natural advantages, may have a healthy life and avoid stagnation if its own people are willing to give a "long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether." This has certainly proven true with Ludlow.—[Ludlow Tribune.]

If we looked only on those citizens whose public services were rendered in the senate house and not upon the battlefield, we must recognize as extraordinary and almost unparalleled the popularity and influence of James G. Blaine. In the history of the republic there is but one other statesman—we refer of course to Henry Clay—who ever gained and kept so strong a hold upon the affections of the people. It is true of the one as of the other that his high purposes and solid achievements will be held in lasting honor; that what faults he may have had will be buried with him; and that, wherever in America there beats a patriotic heart, he will be remembered.—[New York Sun.]

PERSONAL.

Frank L. Greene of St. Albans, division commander of the Vermont Sons of Veterans, has tendered his resignation, and a meeting of the division council will be held at Burlington, Feb. 8, to elect his successor.

Alfred R. Savage of Auburn, Me., who has been elected speaker of the Maine house of representatives, is a Vermont.

He was for many years principal of the Northfield academy and prominent in Masonic circles in the State.

Rockwood Barrett, a prominent resident of Rutland, was thrown out of his sleigh the other evening and had a shoulder dislocated. The cause of the accident was a large stone in the road, against which his sleigh runner struck.

Bishop DeGoesbriand was to have left Burlington yesterday for Rome.

He goes to attend the golden jubilee of Pope Leo XIII., the 50th anniversary of whose consecration comes on the 10th inst. Coadjutor Bishop Michael will administer the affairs of the diocese during the bishop's absence.

Rev. B. Fay Mills, who conducted a successful revival in Middlebury a few years ago, is working this winter in Nebraska. He began at Omaha, where there was the greatest religious awakening in the history of the place. He is now at Lincoln, and the town is deeply stirred. Stores are closed in order that the proprietors and clerks may go to hear the evangelist, and even the saloons quit business.

THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM.

The kingdom of Hawaii consists of fifteen islands in the North Pacific, only eight of which are inhabited. They are about 2100 miles from San Francisco. The population is about 80,000, and the total area is 6649 square miles. Of the population in 1890, 54,430 were natives, 15,301 Chinese, 12,400 Japanese, 8092 Portuguese, 1928 Americans, and 1344 British. Nine-tenths of the trade of the islands is with the United States. The exports consist mainly of sugar, rice, bananas and hides.

Honolulu, the capital, on the island of Oahu, is lighted by electricity, and nearly every leading family in the town has its telephone. The naval and military forces of the islands consist of the household guards, fixed at sixty-five men. There are no volunteer military organizations.

David Kalakaua, the seventh and probably the last king of the Hawaiians, was born in Honolulu on Nov. 16, 1836. He was educated in the royal school at Honolulu. He married the chiefess, Kapiolani in 1863, and after the death of Prince Lunalilo, on Feb. 3, 1874, he announced himself as candidate for the throne. Prince Lunalilo having failed to proclaim a successor, Emma, the widow of Kamehameha IV., was also a candidate. Kalakaua was elected by an extra session of the legislature. Queen Emma's partisans attacked the legislature, but were dispersed by marines from the American and British war ships in the harbor, and the king was installed.

Queen Liliuokalani is the elder sister of King Kalakaua, who died on Jan. 20, 1891, in San Francisco, when she succeeded to the throne.

MASONIC.

All members of the Masonic fraternity in good standing are invited to attend the annual meeting of the 3d Masonic district, A. B. Rush, D. D. G. M., which will be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, Feb. 9, at the rooms of Union lodge, No. 2, in Middlebury. The officers of the grand lodge and prominent Masons from abroad are expected to be present. The lodges in the third district are Dorchester, No. 1, of Vergennes, Union, No. 2, of Middlebury, Morning Sun, No. 5, of Bridport, Independence, No. 10, of Orwell, Libanus, No. 47, of Bristol, and Shiloh, No. 59, of Shoreham. At 2 o'clock the first degree will be worked by Morning Sun lodge, No. 5, Romaine Henway, master. Independence lodge,

No. 10, D. L. Wells, master, will follow with work on the 2d degree. At 7:30 o'clock the work of the third degree will be exemplified by Union lodge, No. 2, John J. Hyde, master.

THE NEXT BREEDERS' MEETING.

The executive committee of the Vermont association of Road and Trotting Horse Breeders, consisting of Col. Geo. W. H. Hooker of Brattleboro, D. C. Brown of Brandon, H. R. Lawrence of Brattleboro, F. H. Farrington of Brandon, John W. Cramton of Rutland, M. H. Deuing of Arlington, M. S. Colburn of Manchester, W. W. Moore of Shoreham, H. P. Cuts of Orwell, George Hendee of Morrisville, E. F. Brownell of Burlington and C. Chapman of Ferrisburgh, met in Rutland on Thursday of last week. They decided that the next exhibition of the association should be held Aug. 29, 30 and 31. The place of meeting was left with a committee consisting of Messrs. Cramton, Brownell, Bacon, Hendee and Cuts to settle. The premiums and stakes will be about the same as they were last year, except that there will be additional stakes and one purse for pacers. The committee on location is to report at a meeting of the executive committee on the 20th inst.

NOT A FISH STORY.

Speaking of cold weather, an old resident on the shore of Lake Champlain tells a St. Albans Messenger reporter that when he cut a hole in the ice the other day to get water for his cattle, "the thickness of the ice was the length of the axe handle and my arm, and I found only four inches of water."

COUNTY AND VICINITY NOTES.

Mumps are prevalent in Bristol.

Sidney Griswold of Orwell is reported very sick with pneumonia.

Daniel G. Merriam, 70 years old, a former resident of Brandon, dropped dead at his home in Quincy, Ill., Jan. 12, from apoplexy.

A horse company has been organized at Bristol this week. The Rock Springs Water company has bought for them a horse cart and 700 feet of hose.

On Saturday at Starksboro Abram Douglas' youngest boy while driving cattle into the barn was jammed against a wagon, breaking his arm near the wrist.

A Hinesburgh correspondent writes that muskrats have been frozen out of the streams and have invaded cellars and farm buildings, where many have been killed.

An old-fashioned ball was given at the town hall in Orwell, Jan. 25, which was attended by 45 couples. Landlord Kimball of the Eagle Inn furnished the refreshments and the music.

The Cornwall Congregational society have decided to call an evangelist, accompanied by a singer, to assist in their meetings. A gentleman from Concord, N. H., has been invited and is expected in the near future.

The creditors of Messrs. George and Frank E. Briggs, who lately failed at Brandon, were to meet yesterday to choose assignees. It was understood that Messrs. F. H. Farrington and E. D. Thayer, both of Brandon, would be selected.

Vergennes, according to an item that is going the rounds of the press, has three lawyers, three hotels, three merchant tailors, three insurance agents, three saloons, three blacksmith shops, three pension agents, three meat markets and three barber shops.

F. H. Grimes, a Brandonite, was out hunting rabbits, the other day, and in crawling through the bushes got the muzzle of his gun full of snow. When he came to shoot the recoil was so great as to knock out several of his teeth and give him a black eye.

The directors of the Vermont Marble Co. of Proctor have chosen these officers for the current year: F. D. Proctor, president; E. C. Partridge, vice-president; F. A. Baker, secretary; E. R. Morse, treasurer; J. P. Spaulding, A. B. Cary and W. W. Grout, auditors.

VERMONT'S EXHIBIT OF WOOL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The undersigned having been appointed a committee to select and arrange for exhibit of fleeces of Vermont wool for the World's Columbian exhibition at Chicago, invite the wool growers of the State who wish to furnish fleeces to make up such exhibit from all the different breeds of sheep, to notify either of us as early a day as is possible, that we may be able to make the selection and give proper instructions as to the care of the fleeces before and after starting.

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